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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the listed documents are also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,742,597, WO 95/08887A, EP 0511834 A2, EP 0868054 A2, and the reference entitled "160 Gbit/s High speed ATM Switching System" were identified in a foreign Search Report dated January 18, 2002, regarding a corresponding French application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,422,881 and 5,088,091 are discussed at page 2 of the specification and are relevant for the reasons stated therein.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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